

CHINOOK TIRE, LUBE & SPORTING GOODS

Havre Regional Success Story



“Joe LaPlante was great to work with. He went the extra mile...even after we opened.”

-Chris Carpenter,
Owner

PROBLEM

Chris Carpenter met with the Havre SBDC about starting and purchasing a tire, oil change and firearms business in Chinook. He needed help with the business plan, financial projections, and loan packaging so he could start his dream business.

SOLUTION

Chris and SBDC Director Joe LaPlante developed Chris' business plan, focusing on marketing and target market area profiles. Upon completion, they began preparing financial projections with the demographic research. Throughout the process they discussed lending options and finance paperwork.

IMPACT

Chris received financing thanks to the SBDC, and has created four full-time jobs, as well as a new retail offering that Chinook had gone without for over 10 years.

“Working with Chris was a blast. He is always willing to listen and is a great asset to the local community.” -Joe LaPlante, Havre Regional Director



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